(b) whether the production of cement has been declined; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, unit-wise alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) A statement indicating the Statewise distribution of large cement plants alongwith installed capacity in each State is enclosed. There are about 300 mini cement plants in the country having a total installed capacity of 9 million tonnes. However, Statewise detail of these mini plants are not maintained centrally.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Statewise number of large Cement Plant

State	No. of Plants	Installed capacity (Lakh Tonnes)
Delhi	1	5.00
Haryana	2	5.78
Punjab	1	10.50
Himachal Pradesh	4	25.00
Jammu & Kashmir	1	2.00
Rajasthan	15	128.72
Uttar Pradesh	5	30.87
Bihar	7	43.53
Orissa	3	14.97
West Bengal	2	8.70
Assam	1	2.00
Meghalaya	1	2.00
Tamil Nadu	8	67.95
Andhra Pradesh	19	117.20
Karnataka	9	65.76
Kerala	1	4.20
Maharashtra	8	60.11
Gujarat	13	63.45
Madhya Pradesh	23	232.57
Total	124	890.31

Decline in Sales Growth

3266. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in 'Economic Times' dated September 23,1996 under the caption "Corporate India to report sharp drop in sales growth";

(b) whether corporate sector have shown significant slow growth of sale and net profit in the first half to the current fiscal year; and

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the condition of the corporate sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Economic Times on 23.9.1996 had indicated that the average growth in turnover of Sensex 30 companies excluding IDBI, ICICI and SBI will be between 9-10% compared to 24% last year. However, later results reported on the 9th of November and the 25th of November in respect of 66 and 232 companies respectively, indicate a moderate slowdown in sales growth rats, Profit of the corporate sector has also recorded slower growth rates in first half of 1996-97.

(c) The Government does not monitor the performance of individual companies. However, sector-specific strategies are adopted for accelerating industrial growth in general is under performing sectors. Adequate credit with softened interest rates assured to industries through the recently announced busy season credit policy is expected to provide further impetus to growth.

Uniform Central-State Investment Law

3267. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to news-item appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated September 18,1996 under the caption "UK Seeks uniform Centre-State investment laws";

(b) whether there is a need to set up various task forces to look into the areas where investment can be solicited;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay;

(d) the main features of the approach prepared two years ago;

(e) the number of Ministries involved in this approach; and

(f) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). Foreign investments into India are regulated in accordance with the national Industrial Policy under which all foreign investments in 35 high priority industries having upto 51% foreign equity are approved under an automatic route by the RBI under powers delegated to it. Foreign investments in high priority industries with foreign equity in excess of 51% or in areas outside the 35 high priority industries are